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COLONEL COMMANDANT 9TH REGIMENT RAA

Brigadier Neil T Sweeney, AM



Brigadier Neil Sweeney, AM was born in the Republic of Ireland and emigrated to Australia in 1989. He graduated from RMC Duntroon in June 1991 and was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

Brigadier Sweeney has served in a wide range of artillery regimental appointments at 1st Field Regiment and 8th/12th Medium Regiment. He served as the Commanding Officer of 8th/12th Medium Regiment from 2009 to 2010. His training experience includes instructional and doctrine writing appointments at the School of Artillery, Puckapunyal and as an Exchange Instructor at the United States Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Brigadier Sweeney has served as; an SO1 at Deployable Joint Force Headquarters / Headquarters 1st Division, Military Assistant to Commander Forces Command in 2011, as G3 Forces Command from mid-2011 until late-2013 and as Director Future Military Commitments, Military Strategic Commitments Division in 2016.

Brigadier Sweeney deployed as a Battalion Mentor to Tal Afar and Al Kasik, Northern Iraq with the first Australian Army Training Team – Iraq in 2004. He commanded the Defence Supplementation Staff based in Beirut, Lebanon during OP RAMP, in July and August 2006. Brigadier Sweeney was initially deployed as the Commander of JTF 629 for Operation Padang Assist, Australia's response to a 7.6 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Sumatra in October 2009. He deployed as the Chief of Stability Operations at Headquarters Regional Command (South), Afghanistan from December 2013 until August 2014. Brigadier Sweeney served as Deputy Commander Joint Task Force 633 from July 2016 until April 2017. He was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours List for his role at Joint Task Force 633.

Brigadier Sweeney is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College and the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Professional Studies from Southern Cross University and a Master's Degree in Management and Defence Studies from the University of Canberra. Brigadier Sweeney completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration through Deakin University in February 2016.

Brigadier Sweeney is currently appointed as the Deputy Commander of the 2nd Division. He is married to Tonya, and they have three children, Jourdaine (29) Thomas (19) and Jack (16).